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PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTH DAY — TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003

The house met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 32).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alonzo; Baxter; Bohac; Branch; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook, R.; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, Y.; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eissler; Elkins; Ellis; Escobar; Farabee; Farrar; Gallego; Garza; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Griggs; Guillen; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Hughes; Hunter; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Keel; Keffer, J.; Kolkhorst; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberger; Lewis; Mabry; Madden; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Mercer; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega; Olivo; Pickett; Pitts; Quintanilla; Reyna; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, W.; Solis; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Bailey; Flynn; Luna; Oliveira.

Absent — Allen; Berman; Bonnen; Brown, B.; Canales; Capelo; Cook, B.; Corte; Davis, J.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Eiland; Flores; Goodman; Goolsby; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Howard; Hupp; Isett; Jones, J.; Keffer, B.; King; Krusee; Marchant; Menendez; Merritt; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Puente; Raymond; Riddle; Smith, T.; Smithee; Solomons; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Wilson; Wise; Woolley.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Matt Cassidy, pastor, Grace Covenant Church, Austin, as follows:

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." (Romans 13:1)

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (I Timothy 2:1-2)

It is upon these words, written in the Bible, that we understand the weighty responsibility before us. It is you, our Lord, that has placed us here this morning in these very chambers. We acknowledge that act of sovereignty on your part as

we begin our session today. It is inconsistent with your nature to give us this burden of accountability without the grace to fulfill your expectations. Therefore, we come to you with our requests for your intervention and assistance.

Lord, we ask you to direct our hearts and minds today. We ask that you would lead our conversations. Direct our wills to desire first to understand and then to be understood. When we have disagreements, help us not become threatened, defensive, proud, or pugnacious.

God, we ask that your promptings would help us do the right things for the right reasons so that we will lay our heads on our pillows tonight with a clear conscience and a feeling of being at peace with you.

Lord, I thank you for these men and women here today to do your will. God, bless their marriages and their families. Help them juggle the difficulties of public life, their jobs, and the needs of their loved ones. As many are away from family and friends, please God, redeem the time. Give their children and mates a sense of their presence and your presence. Help them make the most of our calls and communications back home. They will need your involvement to keep their marriages and families strong.

Before we speak our first words, read our first letter, we commit this time to you, our God, that your kingdom would come, and your will would be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. In your matchless name we pray. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of health reasons:

Luna on motion of Wohlgemuth.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Bailey on motion of Naishtat.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Flynn on motion of Reyna.

Oliveira on motion of Olivo.

(Allen and Puente now present)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

B. Brown on motion of Talton.

B. Cook on motion of Hughes.

J. Davis on motion of Hamric.

Eiland on motion of Olivo.

Gutierrez on motion of Hodge.

Isett on motion of Harper-Brown.

J. Jones on motion of Hodge.

B. Keffer on motion of Hughes.

King on motion of Morrison.

Paxton on motion of Hughes.

Phillips on motion of Hughes.

Truitt on motion of Lewis.

Wise on motion of Noriega.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Dawson on motion of Laubenberg.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Raymond on motion of Guillen.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

F. Brown on motion of Talton.

Castro on motion of Gallego.

Farabee on motion of Hopson.

Hilderbran on motion of Keel.

Mercer on motion of Zedler.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Chisum on motion of Swinford.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Howard on motion of T. Smith.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Denny on motion of Reyna.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Hegar on motion of Hughes.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Representative Swinford moved that the house adjourn sine die in memory of Patti Shields of Austin.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Speaker Craddick, at 9:42 a.m., pronounced the House of Representatives of the Second Called Session of the Seventy-Eighth Legislature adjourned sine die.

ADDENDUM

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, August 26, 2003

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

Adjourn sine die pending concurrent action by the Texas House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate